

VZCZCXRO9567

PP RUEHAG RUEHAST RUEHDA RUEHDF RUEHFL RUEHIK RUEHKW RUEHLA RUEHLN
RUEHLZ RUEHPOD RUEHROV RUEHSR RUEHVK RUEHYG
DE RUEHLO #2548 2801650
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
P 061650Z OCT 08
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0013
INFO RUEHZL/EUROPEAN POLITICAL COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 1289

UNCLAS LONDON 002548

SENSITIVE
SIPDIS

DEPT FOR EUR/SCE, EUR/WE

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PREL](#) [UNGA](#) [UNAU](#) [KVPR](#) [UK](#)

SUBJECT: UK AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH U.S VIEWS ON
KOSOVO/ICJ: UNDECIDED HOW IT WILL VOTE IN UN

REF: STATE 105796

¶1. (SBU) The UK agrees with the U.S. fully on the substantive issues involving the Serbian proposal to refer the question of Kosovo's declaration of independence to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) (reftel). According to FCO Balkans Office Deputy Head Adam Bye, the resolution is "undesirable," will detract from stability, and possibly open up wider issues that some wider UN members states might not want aired.

¶2. (SBU) That said, however, Bye noted that HMG had not yet reached a final position on how U.K. is likely to vote on the resolution at the UN. The UK needs to balance showing support for Kosovo against the potentially undesirable effects of breaking EU consensus. According to Bye, HMG wouldn't want to vote against the resolution just to find it had generated more EU votes in favor. FCO Balkans Office Head David Landsman intends to discuss these issues with DAS Stu Jones in Washington during his visit the week of October 6.

Visit London's Classified Website:
http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:United_Kingdom

LeBaron